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Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR SPREAD BETTING ON A  
PARTICIPANT IN A GROUP OF EVENTS

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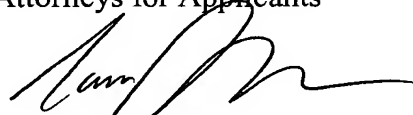
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